

Southeast Region National Wildlife Refuges and the Federal Duck Stamp

Since 1934, the sales of Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$670 million, which has been used to help purchase or lease over 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. These lands are protected in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System.

The **Southeast Region** is home to 128 of America's national wildlife refuges. Since 1934, more than **\$201 million** in Duck Stamp funding has been used to acquire more than **900,000 acres** of land in the Southeast. Nearly half (59) of the national wildlife refuges in the Southeast have benefited from Federal Duck Stamp funding.

Duck Stamp dollars totaling \$38.7 million have purchased more than 45,000 acres at Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, making Arkansas the recipient of the most Duck Stamp funds in the Southeast.

Cache River NWR is not only important habitat for waterfowl, but is also the location where the Ivory-billed Woodpecker was rediscovered in 2004.

State*	Acres Purchased with Duck Stamp Funding 1934 - 2005	Total Refuge Acres in State	Percent of Total Acres Purchased with Duck Stamp Funding	Duck Stamp Dollars Spent 1934 - 2005**
Arkansas	79,210	366,371	22%	\$59,163,615
Florida	94,007	977,705	10%	\$5,142,228
Georgia	357,318	482,390	74%	\$2,737,484
Kentucky	2,039	9,461	21%	\$418,450
Louisiana	124,138	569,942	22%	\$35,919,591
Mississippi	92,893	226,600	41%	\$42,752,862
North Carolina	81,337	402,200	20%	\$22,794,788
South Carolina	34,680	165,224	21%	\$2,067,582
Tennessee	36,372	118,956	31%	\$30,947,517
Total:	901,994			\$201,944,117

* Federal Duck Stamp funds have not been used to purchase refuge lands in Alabama, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

** Figures as of June, 2005.

